APPENDIX 1.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 2266 asked by Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 25th August 1955, page 670 supra.]

Steps to increase prices of agricultural produce in Malabar.

(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member presumably desires to know the steps taken by the Government to arrest the fall in the prices of agricultural commodities. His attention is invited to the answer furnished to the starred Legislative Assembly Question No. 2415 by Sri Kalyanasundaram which was answered by me on 22nd March 1955.

As regards tapioca and pepper in Malabar specifically mentioned by the hon. Member, the position is as follows :—

The Government have recommended to the Government of India that a reasonable quantity of tapioca and tapioca products be allowed to be exported from this State to foreign countries during the current year. The Government of India at first extended the free licensing period of exports of tapioca flour, tapioca starch and its products up to 30th June 1955. They subsequently extended the period up to the end of December 1955. They have also since permitted the export of sago (tapioca globules) to foreign countries. These exports are expected to keep up the prices of tapioca. As regards pepper, in order to increase its price by promoting exports, the Government of India have reduced the export duty on black pepper from 30 per cent ad valorem or Rs. 65 per cwt., whichever is lower, to 15 per cent ad valorem and have also set up an Export Promotion Council for pepper and cashewnut with its headquarters at Cochin to step up the demand for Indian pepper in the United States of America and United Kingdom which are the principal markets for Indian pepper. These measures are expected to give support to pepper prices.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 2275 asked by Sri K. R. Sambandan (on behalf of Sri A. Senapathi Gounder) at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 25th August 1955, page 679 supra.]

(*a*)

Types of institution.	Number of schools in Malabar district as on 1st August 1954.	Number of schools in Coimbatore district as on 1st August 1954.
(1)	(2)	(3)
High Schools—Boys ..	108	71
High Schools - Girls	17	14
Middle Schools—Boys	5	16
Middle Schools—Girls	..	2
Higher Elementary Schools ..	615	66
Lower Elementary Schools ..	3,116	1,281
Basic Schools	123	81

(*b*) The number of schools of each of the above category under the supervision of the District Educational Officer, Coimbatore, is as follows :—

High Schools for Boys	54
Middlr Schools for Boys	14
Higher Elementary Schools ..	45
Lower Elementary Schools ..	923

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 2281 asked by Sri V. Madanagopal at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 25th August 1955, page 684 supra.]

G.O. Ms. No. 239, L.A., dated 12th March 1955.

[Markets—Dindigul Municipal Council—1955–56—Collection of fees—Departmental management—Proposal—Not approved.]

Order—No. 239, *L.A., dated* 12*th March* 1955.

The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has reported that the Dindigul Municipal Council was deriving a higher income during the years 1949–52 by leasing out the right of collection of fees in the municipal markets by sale in public auction. The proposal of the municipal council in its Resolution No. 44, dated 29th January 1955, to manage the collection of fees in the markets departmentally during 1955–56 will not therefore be approved. The Council is advised to lease out the right of collection of fees in its markets by sale in public auction as laid down in the rules. The Commissioner is requested to take urgent action in the matter.

Appendix IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 2284 asked by Sri N. K. Palanisamy at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 25th August 1955, page 686 supra.]

G.O. Ms. No. 1709, Agriculture, dated 1st July 1955.

[Agriculture—State Farmer's Forum—Formation—Convenor and a Provisional Executive Committee appointed—Draft Constitution—Approved.]

Order—No. 1709, *Agriculture, dated* 1st *July* 1955.

At the All-India Farmer's Convention which was held at New Delhi from 1st to 4th April 1955, and which was attended by representative farmers from all the States in the Union including this State, a non-political and non-sectarian organisation of agricultural producers and all those who are interested in the promotion of their welfare was formed under the name of the "Farmers' Forum, India". The Farmers' Forum, India, has been registered under the Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860).

2. The objects of the Farmers' Forum, India are—

(i) To study the problems facing the Agricultural Producers in India.

(ii) To promote, advance and protect the social, economic and cultural interests of the agricultural producers and the village women in this country.

(iii) To assist in formulating and promoting national and international agricultural policies and to collaborate and co-operate with similar organizations of Agricultural Producers in this country or abroad, for furtherance of the said objective.

(iv) To take such steps for the fulfilment of the above objects as may be necessary from time to time; in particular—collection and expenditure of funds; undertaking publicity and publication of all kinds; to hold meetings, conferences and seminars; to send representatives, delegations, deputations, etc.

3. Article III of the Constitution of the Farmers' Forum, India, stresseses its non-political and non-sectarian character and lays down that it shall be the duty of the Governing Body of the Forum to preserve its independent and non-partisan status. Article V of the same Constitution provides for the affiliation to the Farmer's Forum, India, of similar Farmers' Associations in the various States.

4. The Government consider that a similar non-political and non-sectarian Farmers' Forum should be formed in this State and that it should be affiliated to the Farmers' Forum, India. They

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hereby appoint the following farmers as the Convenor and Members of the Provisional Executive Committee to assist the Convenor in the formation of the State Farmers' Forum :—

Convenor—

Sri S. K. Swami, Idaikal P.O., *via* Tenkasi.

Members of the Provisional Committee—

(1) Sri V. Govindaswamy Naidu, M.L.A., Pandeswaram village, Tinnanur P.O., Saidapet taluk, Chingleput district.

(2) Sri W. P. A. R. Chandrasekara Nadar, Planter, Pattiveeranpatti, Nilakottai taluk.

(3) Sri S. Sambamurthy, Bhavani Vilas, Molasur, No. 17, East Hanumar Koil Street, Villupuram.

(4) Sri R. V. Swaminathan, M.L.A., Kamala Vilas, Panganeri, Ramanathapuram district.

(5) Sri P. G. Karuthiruman, M.L.A., Nanjaipuliampatti, Thukanayakanpalayam P.O., Andiyur, Coimbatore district.

(6) Sri A. K. D. Balarama Raja, Director, Rajapalayam Co-operative Marketing Society, Rajapalayam.

(7) Sri R. Ramamoorthy, B.A., Military Farms, Ettarai, Tillainagar, Tennur P.O., Tiruchirappalli.

(8) Sri V. C. Subbiah Gownder, President, District Agricultural Association, Vellaikinar P.O., Coimbatore district.

(9) Sri M. Atchuthan Nair, Kodakat House, Perintalmanna, South Malabar.

(10) Sri S. C. Balakrishnan, M.P., Railway Feeder Road, Palni.

5. The Convenor has submitted a Draft Provisional Constitution for the State Farmers' Forum. Government have approved the Draft Constitution with some modifications. A copy of the Draft Constitution as approved by the Government is appended.

6. The Convenor is requested to convene a meeting of the Provisional Executive Committee at a very early date, place the Draft Constitution for the State Farmers' Forum appended to this order before it and submit a copy of the Constitution of the State Farmers' Forum as adopted at that meeting to the Government to enable them to take necessary further action. The State Farmers' Forum will in due course adopt the Constitution to be decided for the States by the All-India Forum.

7. As the State Farmers' Forum is entirely a non-official body, the Government will not bear any expenditure in connection with its formation or in connection with its work after it is formed. The convenor and the members of the Provisional Executive Committee will themselves have to bear the expenditure on account of their journeys to attend the meetings convened by the convenor and all other expenditure connected with the formation of the State Farmers' Forum.

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8. The convenor and members are requested to see that the State Forum is started on right lines by mutual co-operation and the setting up of correct traditions.

(By order of the Governor)

N. MURUGESA MUDALIAR,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

ANNEXURE.

FARMERS' FORUM, MADRAS.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

Article I—

Name.

The name of this organization shall be the " Farmers' Forum, Madras ".

Article II—

Objects.

The objects of the Forum shall be—

1. To study the problems affecting the agricultural producers in Madras State.

2. To promote, advance and protect the social economic, and cultural interests of the agricultural producers and village women in this State.

3. To assist informulating and promoting State and national agricultural policies and to collaborate and co-operate with similar organizations of agricultural producers within and outside the State for furtherance of the said objective.

4. To take such steps for the fulfilment of the above objects as may be necessary from time to time; in particular—collection and expenditure of funds; undertaking publicity and publication of all kinds; holding meetings, conferences and seminars; sending representatives, delegations, deputations, etc.

Article III—

Non-Political Status.

The Forum shall be a non-political non-sectarian association of the agricultural producers and all those who are interested in the promotion of their welfare and it shall be the duty of its executive committee to preserve its independent and non-partisan status.

Article IV—

Headquarters.

The headquarters of the Farmers' Forum, Madras, shall be located at Madras.

Article V—

Affiliation.

The Farmers' Forum, Madras, shall affiliate itself to the Farmers' Forum, India.

Article VI—

Membership.

There shall be four classes of members as shown below and membership shall in all cases be restricted to persons residing in the State :—

1. *Ordinary members.*—Any agricultural producer or any other person interested in the furtherance of agriculture shall be enrolled as an ordinary member of the Forum on payment of an admission fee of Rs. 10 and annual subscription of Rs. 5 only.

Life members.—Persons paying a sum of Rs. 200 in one instalment along with the admission fee shall be enrolled as life members.

2. *Associate members.*—Any agricultural firm manufacturing or dealing in agricultural commodities, shall be enrolled as an Associate or Life Associate member on payment of the admission fee and an annual suscription of Rs. 25 and Rs. 250 respectively. Every associate member shall be authorised to nominate one representative to attend the meetings of the Forum.

3. *Honorary members.*—Any person who renders some valuable service to the Forum or whose association with this organization is calculated to help the cause of the farmers may be admitted as an Honorary members of the Forum for such period as may be specified by the Executive Committee in his case.

4. *Patron members.*—National Leaders and other persons, organizations and firms, assisting the Forum financially may be admitted as patron members of the Forum by the Executive Committee.

Article VII—

Year of membership.

The year of membership shall be the calendar year.

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Article VIII—

Executive Committee.

1. The Minister in charge of the Agriculture portfolio of the Madras Government shall be the ex-officio President.

2. The Executive Committee of the Forum shall be nominated by the President.

3. Besides the President, it shall consist of fourteen members, one from each district, including a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

4. The Executive Committee may appoint or constitute such other bodies, committees, panels, etc., as it may consider necessary.

5. The decision of the Executive Committee in all matters of the Forum shall be final.

6. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be *seven.*

Article IX—

Funds of the Forum.

The funds of the Forum shall be credited in the name of the Forum in a Scheduled Bank and the account shall be operated with the signature of at least two members of the Executive Committee out of a list determined by the President.

Article X—

Changes in the constitution.

Any addition or change in this constitution could be effected by the Executive Committee as and when it considers it necessary in the interest of the work of the Forum.

Article XI—

Meetings.

1. The Forum shall meet periodically and discuss the subjects scheduled for the meeting.

2. There shall be an annual meeting of the Forum in the month of January. At the annual meeting the budget for the year shall be passed and the programme of work of the Forum for the year determined.